

Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes
July 8, 2008,
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(draft)
Community Forum

In attendance: Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Elna Darrow, Bruce Solberg, Alex Strickland, Paul Rana, Paul Mustacio, Joe Brenneman, George Darrow, Sue Hanson, Paul Guerrant, Chuck Gough, Kim Crowley, Louise Tidwell, Arthur Lieberman, Sue Ostergard, Don Loranger, Phil Hanson, Narda Wilson, John Thomas, Sally Janover, Julie Spencer,

Chairman Craig Wagner called the meeting to order at 12: 03

Introductions were made.

Agenda: The motion was made to adopt the agenda as emailed. (Hanson S/Gough)

Motion Passed

Minutes: The minutes Of June 19, 2008 were approved as emailed (m/sc Hanson S/Gough) Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report: No Report - Message on my answering machine after meeting. Steve did want me to say we had 2 donations, one for \$250.00 and another for \$25.00 for a total of \$275.00. Our new balance is \$2991.44

Community Forum: Kim Crowley, Flathead County Library Director wanted to clear up the Daily Interlake's and Flathead Beacon's confusing articles about the Library Board. One member had left the Board, 3 months ago, one member was not reappointed and 2 resigned due to differences with the commissioners' placement for themselves. Laura Long was appointed to the Bigfork position as she does live here and that position was vacant. There is no law about having to live in the same area but the commissioners do prefer that type of arrangement. They are now advertising for three board members to fill the Kalispell, Whitefish, and Columbia Falls seats. She also reported that they now have a Building Committee in place, Bigfork is still in the picture, and they have a lot of fund raising to do for purchasing and remodeling the old Glacier Bank Building in Columbia Falls.

Paul Mustacio, President of the Community Foundation for a Better Bigfork (CFBB) needed to tell the BSC about an annual insurance review that was held at their meeting with Dan Purcell of Western States Insurance. CFBB has been paying the liability insurance for the Bigfork Steering Committee and a question arose with regard to this situation. It was felt by some that the BSC as a sub-committee to the BLUAC should be covered under the BLUAC's insurance as it is paid by the county. There was a lengthy discussion on this matter and with no liability insurance it would be a careless way for the BSC to operate. Craig will be contacting Joe Brenneman to discuss the matter. At this point we have been extended until August 6, 2008 under CFBB to find a solution. Some of our money in our treasury has been ear marked and is also a donation from CFBB. The cost for this type of insurance is in the neighborhood of \$1000. Our funds are strictly donations.

Julie Spencer, Bigfork Water and Sewer: Julie gave a report as to the impact the rain and the Fourth of July had on the Bigfork Water and Sewer system. Prior to the rain event they were treating 350,000 gals of wastewater which is a strain on our system but after

the 14 hours of rain and the holiday weekend we were trying to handle 520,000 gals of waste water. We were able to hold some in a storage tank but still some leaked through to the lake. Stormwater has a definite adverse reaction on our antiquated system

Resort Tax Committee: Pat read a note from Ken Weaver that Cheryl Richmond sent in email, explaining our map and letter are still at MT State Department of Commerce and the person that does the Resort Designation won't be back in the office until July 28, 2008. (Family Emergency). It looks like the earliest we can be designated as a resort would be August 1, 2008 placing us in jeopardy for trying to get signatures and follow all the necessary steps needed for a November ballot. We might have some alternatives. (email attached in secretary's notebook).

Lake County Planning: Paul Rana mentioned there are some maps on the table showing the boundaries of the North Lake County Planning Area also a sign advertising the 2 Public Meetings to be held next week.

Stormwater Committee: Sue is working on getting more copies of the preliminary engineering report. The copy in the UPS office she gave to Russ Kinzer who is in the middle of a remodel in the elementary school and she feels that more people in the community need to see this report such as Julie Spencer. Sue feels the Preliminary Engineering Report falls short, as it doesn't address the problems of the Bigfork Water and Sewer district are having at this time or the School and she is working on that problem. She is meeting with the County Commissioners on a regular basis as they are very interested and give us their full support. We are doing education and outreach programs, articles in the Bigfork Eagle and Lakeshore Country Journal, hosting a stormwater workshop at the Harbor Village Pavilion on September 27, 2008. We need to get the word out in Bigfork as to how important our Stormwater problem is to us, we also need to hear if you have had any problems and any pictures you might possess.

George Darrow: Gravel Pit and Extraction Meeting at FFVC: George perceived that the main problem is not the pits but the industrial use that has come to into being near the neighborhoods, i.e. the making of concrete, and asphalt. It is basically the noise from these activities that is undesirable. There are some old state laws that provided these activities to make it easier to pave roads. Now that there is a building boom on with homes and shopping centers there is a lot of activity. It is not anyone's fault nor is it easy to solve but it will have to be handled by the legislature.

Joe Brenneman: I looked at the appraisal of the Bigfork Zoning District, and adding a 1 mil levy (\$4 to \$5 per house) would get you about \$16,000.

So it would depend on what services you wanted as to how much you would levy and also the Township boundaries.

Chairman's Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Narda Wilson, John Thomas, Engineer, and Arthur Lieberman, Owner and Developer of the property at Hwy 35 and Holt Rd brought in a conceptual drawing and an overview proposed plan for this property. Arthur Lieberman is buying 2 residences next door to the bowling alley. He would like them to be zoned commercial B3 so that he could put approximately 30 units, (750 sq ft) 10 with apartments and a Café. He will be using Environmental Standards to take down the existing buildings and as well as in the new structures. The drive way will be moved further down Holt Rd. Mr.

Lieberman wants to have a nice entrance into Bigfork and will keep us informed as he goes along.

Announcements:

July 22, 2008 Lake County Planning Committee Public Meeting 7:00 PM Brumar, Estate

July 23, 2008 Same Lake County Public Meeting 7:00 PM Bethany Lutheran Church

July 24, 2008 Bigfork Steering Committee 12:00 PM Bethany Lutheran Church

Meeting was adjourned 1:40 PM

Pat Wagner, Secretary